

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A fitting for a vehicle seat having a seat component and a backrest, the fitting comprising:

fitting parts mounted ~~for there being so that there can be relative rotation therebetween between the fitting parts~~, wherein the fitting parts are for allowing the backrest to pivot relative to the seat component from a first position, in which the backrest extends upright from the seat component so that a user can sit in the seat, to at least one other position selected from a reclining position and a table position, with the reclining position being achieved by pivoting the backrest away from the first position by pivoting the backrest in a first direction relative to the seat component, and the table position being achieved by pivoting the backrest away from the first position by pivoting the backrest in a second direction relative to the seat component, with the first and second directions being opposite from one another; and

a pawl that is pivotably ~~borne~~ carried on a first fitting part of the fitting parts and releasably cooperates with:

a first locking element of a second fitting part of the fitting parts to lock the fitting in the first position, and

a second locking element of the second fitting part to lock the fitting in the other position,

wherein:

the pawl is arranged in a locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the first position, and the pawl is also arranged in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the other position,

a first mouth of the pawl receives the first locking element to lock the fitting in the first position,

a second mouth of the pawl receives the second locking element to lock the fitting in the other position, and

the first and second mouths, with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.

2. (original) A fitting according to Claim 1, further comprising safety elements for securing the pawl in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the first position, with the same safety elements securing the pawl in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the other position.

3. (original) A fitting according to Claim 1, further comprising an activation element for unlocking the fitting from the first position, with the same activation element unlocking the fitting from the other position.

4. (original) A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein the first locking element is a first bolt, and the second locking element is a second bolt.

5-6. (canceled)

7. (original) A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein:
the first locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the first position, the first locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the first locking element and the pawl cooperate with one another and thereby lock the fitting in the first position, and

the second locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the other position, the second locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the second locking element and the pawl cooperate with one another and thereby lock the fitting in the other position.

8. (original) A fitting according to Claim 1, wherein the fitting is in combination with the vehicle seat, the first fitting part is mounted to the seat component, and the second fitting part is mounted to the backrest, with the second fitting part being mounted for pivoting relative to the

first fitting part, for allowing the backrest to pivot relative to the seat component at least between the first position and the other position.

9. (original) A fitting according to Claim 2, further comprising an activation element for unlocking the fitting from the first position, with the same activation element unlocking the fitting from the other position.

10. (original) A fitting according to Claim 2, wherein the first locking element is a bolt, and the second locking element is a bolt.

11. (original) A fitting according to Claim 3, wherein the first locking element is a bolt, and the second locking element is a bolt.

12. (currently amended) A fitting according to Claim 2, wherein for a vehicle seat having a seat component and a backrest, the fitting comprising:

fitting parts mounted so that there can be relative rotation between the fitting parts, wherein the fitting parts are for allowing the backrest to pivot relative to the seat component from a first position, in which the backrest extends upright from the seat component so that a user can sit in the seat, to at least one other position selected from a reclining position and a table position, with the reclining position being achieved by pivoting the backrest away from the first position by pivoting the backrest in a first direction relative to the seat component, and the table position being achieved by pivoting the backrest away from the first position by pivoting the backrest in a second direction relative to the seat component, with the first and second directions being opposite from one another; and

a pawl that is pivotably carried on a first fitting part of the fitting parts and releasably cooperates with:

a first locking element of a second fitting part of the fitting parts to lock the fitting in the first position, and

a second locking element of the second fitting part to lock the fitting in the other position,

wherein:

a first mouth of the pawl receives the first locking element to lock the fitting in the first position, and

a second mouth of the pawl receives the second locking element to lock the fitting in the other position,

the first locking element is a first bolt,

the second locking element is a second bolt,

the pawl is arranged in a locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the first position, and the pawl is also arranged in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the other position, and

the fitting further comprises safety elements for securing the pawl in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the first position, with the same safety elements securing the pawl in said locking position while the pawl locks the fitting in the other position, and the safety elements each being mounted for pivoting relative to the pawl.

13. (original) A fitting according to Claim 12, wherein the first and second mouths, with respect to the pivoting movement of the pawl, are respectively open in different directions.

14-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A fitting according to Claim [[17]] 4, wherein:

the first bolt locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the first position, the first bolt comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the first mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the first bolt and thereby the fitting is locked in the first position, and

the second bolt is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the other position, the second bolt comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of

the pawl so that the second mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the second bolt and thereby the fitting is locked in the other position.

19. (currently amended) A fitting according to Claim [[5]] 12, wherein:

the first locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the first position, the first locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the first mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the first locking element and thereby the fitting is locked in the first position, and

the second locking element is positioned so that when the backrest is pivoted to the other position, the second locking element comes into contact with the pawl and moves the pawl into said locking position of the pawl so that the second mouth of the pawl is in receipt of the second locking element and thereby the fitting is locked in the other position.

20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A fitting according to Claim 2, wherein the safety elements include a clamping cam and a catching element.

22. (new) A fitting according to Claim 21, wherein the catching element:
is positioned a small distance from the pawl prior to a crash, and
supports the pawl in event of the crash.

23. (new) A fitting according to Claim 21, wherein the clamping cam is spring loaded and bears against the pawl to secure the pawl in said locking position.

24. (new) A fitting according to Claim 23 wherein the catching element:
is positioned a small distance from the pawl prior to a crash, and
supports the pawl in event of the crash.

25. (new) A fitting according to Claim 12, wherein the safety elements include a clamping cam and a catching element.

26. (new) A fitting according to Claim 25, wherein the catching element: is positioned a small distance from the pawl prior to a crash, and supports the pawl in event of the crash.

27. (new) A fitting according to Claim 25, wherein the clamping cam is spring loaded and bears against the pawl to secure the pawl in said locking position.